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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its policy of extrajudicial killing of Palestinian civilians. Yesterday night, three more Palestinians were assassinated when Israeli helicopter gunships fired several rockets at their car with the intent of killing the passengers: Mohammed Ahmed Besharat, Ayoub Besharat and Sameh Anwar Abu Hineish, in the vicinity of the village of Qabatiye near the town of Jenin. Also yesterday, Israeli occupying forces killed two Palestinians and claimed that the killing was a result of an exchange of fire. In addition, a 15-year-old Palestinian boy died yesterday from bullet wounds sustained on Friday, 29 June 2001.

The above-mentioned assassinations are additional war crimes committed by Israeli occupying forces for which the Government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is fully responsible. The Israeli Government effectively continues with its war crimes, State terrorism and all kinds of atrocities against the Palestinian people, putting the ceasefire agreement and the plan for implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (Mitchell Report) in serious jeopardy.

We believe that the United Nations, and specifically the Security Council, must fulfil their responsibility vis-à-vis the current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, irrespective of the efforts exerted by other parties. The Security Council should play its role in stopping the continuous Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people and in bringing all Israeli atrocities to an effective end.

Since my last letter to you on 25 June 2001 (A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629), seven more Palestinians have been killed, including the martyrs mentioned above. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Regretfully, this brings the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to

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a total of 512 people. At the same time, the total number of Palestinian civilians injured, many severely and permanently, also continues to rise each day.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 52 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 25 June 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; and A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Wednesday, 27 June, through Sunday, 1 July 2001*

Wednesday, 27 June 2001

Mahmoud Mustafa Mahmoud Emtier (17 years old)

Sunday, 1 July 2001

1. Jamal Dif Allah Hasan Thleiji
2. Mahmoud Musa Jalad
3. Ahmed Mahmoud Yassin (15 years old)
4. Mohammed Ahmed Besharat
5. Ayoub Besharat
6. Sameh Anwar Abu Hineish

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 512.